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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 September 1993

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
Morning*	3280th meeting	Security Council Chamber
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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** Following the adjournment of the 3280th meeting of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-eighth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the forty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1 and Add.1).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

Second regular session of 1993

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

OTHER MEETINGS

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 15

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(Address by the President of Guinea-Bissau)

4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 23 September 1993

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

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The 669th meeting of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID will be held on Friday, 24 September 1993, immediately following the adjournment of the morning plenary meeting in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Address by the President of the African National Congress of South Africa, Mr. Nelson Mandela
3. Closure of the meeting

The SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID will also hold its 670th meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 1993, at 10.30 a.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Address by Mr. Benny Alexander, Secretary-General of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC)
3. Closure of the meeting

All representatives of Member States and organizations are invited to attend.

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The 94th (closed) meeting of the COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA will be held on Friday, 24 September 1993, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1993 special session

In response to Executive Board decision 1993/22 (E/ICEF/1993/14), a special session of the UNICEF Executive Board will be held on 6 and 7 October 1993 at United Nations Headquarters on the question of UNICEF headquarters office accommodation. The conference room will be announced at a later date. The report on headquarters office accommodation is contained in document E/ICEF/1993/AB/L.15.

Outstanding elections from the summer organizational session of the Executive Board officers will also be held to fill the following vacancies: Second Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board; two members and three alternates on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (JCE) for the 1993-1995 biennium; and two alternates on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP) for the remainder of 1992-1994 biennium.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/ICEF/1993/16.

Executive Board members, observers and others are requested to transmit their letters of credentials to the Secretary, UNICEF Executive Board (Three United Nations Plaza (H-12K), New York, N.Y. 10017) as soon as possible but *no later than 28 September 1993*.

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OTHER MEETINGS

There will be a closed meeting of the GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES on Thursday, 23 September 1993, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (at the ambassadorial level) on Friday, 24 September 1993, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The Seventeenth Ministerial Meeting of the GROUP OF 77 will be held on Tuesday, 5 October 1993, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Fifth Annual Meeting of senior officials and the various chapters of the Group of 77, pursuant to provisions of the Caracas Ministerial Declaration of June 1989 (A/44/361), beginning on 1 October, also in Conference Room 2.

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The general briefing on the work of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly will continue on Thursday, 23 September, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee will be held on Friday, 24 September, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 September 1993

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-eighth session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the forty-eighth session

The temporary President, His Excellency Mr. Valentin Gatzinski, Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria, declared the forty-eighth session open.

The temporary President made a statement in the course of which he invited the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Peace as proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981.

The temporary President then invited the Assembly to observe a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/48/414)

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/48/414) concerning 14 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: Austria, Bahamas, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America.

Election of the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. His Excellency Mr. Samuel Insanally (Guyana) was elected President of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The Main Committees of the General Assembly held consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their chairmen.

FIRST COMMITTEE

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Adolf Ritter von Wagner (Germany) was elected Chairman of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

The representative of El Salvador made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Stanley Kalpagé (Sri Lanka) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

The representative of Uruguay made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. René Valéry Mongbé (Benin) was elected Chairman of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The representative of Austria made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Eduard Kukan (Slovakia) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The representative of Romania made a statement.

His Excellency Mr. Rabah Hadid (Algeria) was elected Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

Mrs. Maria del Luján Flores (Uruguay) was elected Chairperson of the Sixth Committee.

2nd plenary meeting

The President congratulated the Chairmen of the Main Committees on their election.

Election of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Grenada, Guatemala, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, Liechtenstein, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zaire and Zambia.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 1993

3rd plenary meeting

Election of officers [2]

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. A. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan) as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of Working Group I.

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa [3]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard progress reports from the Chairmen of Working Groups I and II.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Australia and Egypt.

The Chairman and the Executive Secretary of INCD Secretariat responded to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Committee approved the organization of work for its second week as contained in the informal paper it had before it.

Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the INC Secretariat.

Statements were made by representatives of Ghana, France, Australia, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

The Executive Secretary of the INCD Secretariat responded to question raised during the discussion.

The Chairman made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [1]

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

The Committee decided to accredit the non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/AC.241/9/Add.3.

Observer status for intergovernmental organizations

The Committee decided to accord observer status to the intergovernmental organizations listed in documents A/AC.241/L.5/Add.1 and 2.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

WORKING GROUP I 7th meeting

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa [3]

Sub-regional action programmes

The Working Group continued its discussion of the topic.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Mexico, Belgium (on behalf of the European Community) Brazil, Algeria, Australia, Morocco, Mali (on behalf of the African Group), China, the United Kingdom, Chad, France, Austria, Bangladesh, the Niger, Finland, Botswana, Senegal, Norway, Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, India, Burkina Faso, Jordan, the Gambia, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Bolivia.

Statements were also made by the observers of the Third World Network and the Women's Environment and Development Organization, non-governmental organizations.

The Chairman made a statement summarizing the discussion of the topic.

Capacity-building

The Working Group began its discussion of the topic.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Mali (on behalf of the African Group), Belgium (on behalf of the European Community), Switzerland, the United States, Tunisia, Sweden, Australia and Malaysia.

WORKING GROUP II 7th meeting

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa [3]

Procedures

The Working Group began its discussion of the topic.

Amendments

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), China, Benin and the United States.

Voting procedure

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Economic Community), the United States and Benin.

Dispute settlement

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Economic Community), the United Kingdom, Australia, the Netherlands and Benin.

Final clauses

The Working Group began its consideration of the topic.

Signature

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Ghana and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Depositary

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat responded to a question raised.

Ratification

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Economic Community), Benin, the United Kingdom, the Niger, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement of clarification.

Entry into force

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Benin, Tunisia, Mali, Nigeria and the United States.

Interim arrangements

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Benin and Tunisia.

Reservations

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Benin and Tunisia.

Withdrawal

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Benin and the Gambia.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Malaysia, Belgium, Benin, Tunisia, Norway and Botswana.

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 1993

48th meeting

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General [1]

The fourth session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, who made a statement.

Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee [2]

The following members of the Committee made a solemn declaration: Mrs. Hoda Badran (Egypt), Mrs. Flora Eufemio (Philippines), Mr. Swithun Tachiona Mombeshora (Zimbabwe) and Mrs. Marta Santos Pais (Portugal).

Election of the officers of the Committee [3]

The Committee elected by acclamation Mrs. Hoda Badran as Chairperson and Mrs. Marta Santos Pais as Rapporteur. It also elected by acclamation Mrs. Belembaogo, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg and Mrs. Sandra Prunella Mason as Vice-Chairpersons.

Adoption of the agenda [4]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CRC/C/17.

Organizational and other matters [5]

The Committee adopted its draft programme of work.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention [7]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

49th meeting

Methods of work of the Committee [12]

Future meetings of the Committee [14]

The Committee began its consideration of the items.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, concluded at Geneva on 25 March 1972

Accession: Dominican Republic (21 September 1993)*

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 20 December 1988

Accession: Dominican Republic (21 September 1993)*

Fourth Extension of the International Coffee Agreement, 1983, adopted by the International Coffee Council under Resolution No. 363 of 4 June 1993

Acceptance: Papua New Guinea (17 September 1993)*

Convention on the Prohibition of Military or any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1976

Accession: Uruguay (16 September 1993)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security

The Pass and Identification Office (Room GA-100), which is located inside the Delegates' Entrance, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 September 1993, to process passes for the members of delegations and mission staff.

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